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Application of:	Franck ROLION, <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	5989
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2009, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

A separate Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is included with this submission. The RCE includes a request for an extension of time.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.